THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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Thursday, 3rd July 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half past ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—ALLOTMENT OF SEATS TO MEMBERS.

* SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The seat allotted to one of our Members has been changed. He is not able to find where his seat actually is. If seats of hon. Members are to be changed inconveniently like this, they will find it difficult to sit properly. Mr. Pulla Reddi's seat has been changed and in his seat some other name has been pasted. He wants to know where he should sit."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will ask the office to show him the seat. It appears the office has already shown him his seat."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" No, Sir. The point is, only just now Sri C. Pulla Reddi came to me and told me that his seat has been changed. If the office had shown him his seat, he would not have asked me for the information. Anyway if he is shown his seat I am satisfied."

MR. SPEAKER :—" His seat has already been shown to him by the office. I will ask the office to show it to him again."

SRI P. VENKATESWARLU :—" Why is it that hon. Members' seats are being changed?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" Hon. Members' seats are changed on their own requests."

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Formation of Linguistic States.

* 25 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that he told pressmen on 30th April 1952 that delay in the formation of linguistic states would create greater difficulties later on ; and

(*b*) whether it is the Government's intention to create the Andhra State at an early date?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) It is true that as time advances, the mixture of peoples and languages across borders proceeds apace so that lying down boundaries becomes more and more difficult. This is what I referred to.

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(*b*) The matter is outside the scope of the State Government.''

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—'' May I know, Sir, whether this Government will bring in a motion urging the immediate formation of the Andhra State? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' Sir, the Government will consider the suggestion. At present there is no intention of moving an official motion.''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' The Hon. Chief Minister has been good enough to state that the matter is outside the jurisdiction of this Government. May I know from him whether, in view of the fact that the people of this State are vitally concerned with this question, the Government would take urgent steps to make representations to the Government of India in this matter? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' The Government, Sir, will certainly take into account all things that agitate the mind of the people of the State. I only stated the position as it stood with reference to the scope of our powers.''

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—'' Sir, with reference to answer to clause (*b*) may I ask whether the Hon. Chief Minister is aware that the Constitution does throw an amount of responsibility on this Government and this Legislature, and the Legislature has got to consider the provisions of the Bill for the formation of the new State? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' Yes, Sir. A certain amount of responsibility or privilege, whatever it might be called, is with the House. But I have answered quite correctly as the law stands.''

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—'' When the Government propose the formation of the Andhra State, will they keep in mind the strong opposition of Rayalaseema people to their inclusion in such a State? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' Without accepting the premise, yes, Sir.''

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—'' Will the Hon. the Chief Minister remember, Sir, that all the important parties and organizations in Rayalaseema want the Andhra State and will he consider the desirability of sending this information to the Prime Minister of India? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' Sir, the matter is not merely the wishes of important parties, whatever 'Importance' may mean and 'parties' may mean ''

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SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The Congress Party, the Communist Party, the K.M.P. Party and other parties . . . ."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" 'Importance' may mean anything. 'Parties' may mean anything. But the Government will consider not only the wishes of the people or the desires of the people but also all necessary facts and circumstances."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, will it not be better or in the interest of the State that before the formation of the Andhra State the administration is bifurcated on a linguistic basis? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" All these questions should really be put in the Parliament."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" This is a pretty stale subject and I do not think I can cover it by an answer to a question."

Marine Research Station and Aquarium.

* 26 Q.—SRI P. V. R. GAJAPATHI RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered any proposal to locate a Marine Research Station and Aquarium;

(b) if so, where they propose to locate the same; and

(c) whether they have considered the suitability of Waltair for the purpose?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) There is no proposal to locate a Marine Research Station. A proposal for constructing a Marine Aquarium is under consideration.

" (b) It is under consideration to locate the Marine Aquarium in Madras on the Marina. The exact site has not yet been decided.

" (c) No."

SRI P. V. R. GAJAPATHI RAJU :—" Do the Government mean when they say they have not considered the proposal for putting up a Marine Research Station, that it is unnecessary? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" No. Sir, it does not mean that."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister will take steps to investigate the possibilities of locating a Marine Research Station at Waltair near Lawson's Bay which was recommended by old officials as long ago as sixty years? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The matter will be considered, Sir."